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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Information Technology, DA

FROM:

Chief, Information Management Staff, DO

SUBJECT:

The Future Direction of SAFE in the
Directorate of Operations

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of a decision we have made regarding the use of SAFE Delivery 3 in the Directorate of Operations during Fiscal Year 1989.

2. In 1984, the Information Management Staff initiated the ALLSTAR Upgrade project to provide its Directorate of Operations customers with the ability to use mainframe computer power to do their work. From the very beginning, IMS utilized SAFE capabilities to deliver cable traffic electrically to the DO. SAFE Delivery 1 is the vehicle that we used to do this.

3. Until recently, it was our intention to begin migration from Delivery 1 to SAFE Delivery 3 in FY 1989. However, we have been compelled to reconsider this timing because of the great expense of the continued development and deployment of Delivery 3 at a time when IMS is experiencing significant financial and personnel shortfalls. We find that we simply cannot meet all of the requirements that we have for computer equipment, software and services in the DO and sustain the costs of Delivery 3 as well.

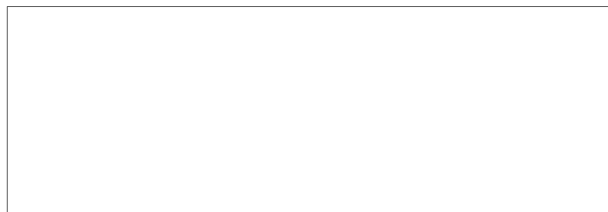
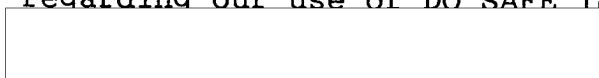
4. Therefore, we intend to stay with Delivery 1, at least through FY 1989. We will alter Delivery 1 as necessary to provide cable delivery service to a larger customer base and enable service on a read-only PC workstation.

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5. We will defer deployment of Delivery 3 until resources are more plentiful and, possibly, until we have converted customers using Delta Data terminals to a PC workstation. We expect, however, to continue to collect cables in the Delivery 3 software that we now have installed in the Special Computer Center so that we may retain and develop the capability to search these cables through the use of INQUIRE.

6. I stand ready to discuss this with you personally if you desire. The focal point in IMS for specific questions regarding our use of DO SAFE in the next year and beyond is Mr.



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